Questions and Answers.

Leper Asylum at Anappara.

Mr. A. B. SALEM. (*Jews*)

1. Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(i) 1. the date on which His Highness' sanction was first obtained to open a Leper Asylum at Anappara near Trichur?

2. the date on which orders for acquiring land there, if any, were passed?

3. the amount of costs incurred:

(a) for acquisition of sites?

(b) for construction of buildings?

4. the total amount spent on the scheme:

(a) by Government up to 13th April 1922?

(b) between the 13th April 1922 and 1st of July 1924, with the names of the respective Diwans that sanctioned the same?

5. the amount subscribed by the general public and the Government respectively on the appeal made by Dr. Coombes on behalf of untainted children of lepers for the "Sankariah Home" atiached to the Anappara Leper Asylum?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to inform the date on which the 'Home' was completed and the total amount spent on the same?

(iii) Will the Government be pleased to inform whether any member of the public that subscribed to the fund had enquired as to what had become of the subscription and the scheme?

(iv) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table that letter and the reply thereto from the Diwan?

(v) Will the Government also be pleased to lay on the table their reasons for abandoning the Anappara

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Leper Asylum after such great cost and after sanction had already been accorded for opening the same?

(vi) Will the Government be pleased to inform whether, before the scheme was sanctioned, there was any protest from M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon Avl., B. A., I. S. O., against locating the Leper Asylum at Anappara, and if so how the same was disposed of by Government?

(vii) Will the Government be pleased to inform whether Mr. Narayana Menon is one of the owners of the sites in the vicinity of Anappara Asylum?

(viii) Will the Government be pleased to inform the date of Mr. A. B. Salem's enquiries as to what has become of the 'Sankariah Home' and date of the Diwan's last communication to the Sarvadhikariakar regarding the abandonment of the scheme for opening the Asylum at Anappara?

(ix) Will the Government be pleased to inform the total amount deposited in the National Bank, Cochin, on interest, and the rate of interest allowed by the Bank to cover the 'Sankariah Home' subscriptions?

(x) Will the Government be pleased to inform the Budget Head from which the said amount was deposited?

(xi) Will the Government be pleased to inform the action taken by Government to fulfil the objects of a Leper Asylum and a 'Sankariah Home' since the deposit was made in the National Bank?

(xii) Will the Government be now pleased, in view of the Viceregal appeal for helping lepers, to consider the question of opening the Leper Asylum for the benefit of these unfortunates, immediately, at Anappara, to prevent the nuisance of the wanderings of lepers in the State by segregating them at Anappara Leper Asylum where buildings and other conveniences for them stand completed?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE (*Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer*).

(i) 1. The buildings for the Leper Asylum at Anappara were constructed under the orders of Govern-

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ment. Government are not prepared to disclose anything about the correspondence that passed between His Highness and the Diwan in the matter.

2. The declaration for the acquisition of the sites was dated the 15th of October 1919.

3. (a) Rs. 8,179—15—11.

(b) Rs. 1,44,651—15—11.

4. (a) Rs. 1,34,251—11— 4.

(b) Rs. 18,580—4—6. For the names of the Diwans at the time, the member is referred to the Administration Reports.

5. General public Rs. 10,090— 2—5.
Interest ,, 568— 7—6.
Government ,, 7,921—10—7.

(ii) On the 1st of Kumbham 1098.
Rs 18,580—4—6.

(iii) Mr. A. B. Saiem made enquiries. Government have not verified whether he was a subscriber.

(iv) Government did not consider it worth their while to give a reply to Mr. Saiem. The letter and a copy of the Diwan's Proceedings in the matter published for general information are placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix 1*).

(v) Objections were raised by the Trichur Municipal Council and the inhabitants of Trichur and the neighbourhood of Anappara, and effect was given to them. Available papers are placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix 2*).

(vi) Government have no information.

(vii) Government are not concerned in the matter.

(viii) Mr. Salem's letter was dated the 25th of June 1924. In regard to the Diwan's last communication to the Sarvadhikariakar, the member is referred to the answer given to the first part of sub-division (1) of the question.

(ix) Rs. 11,739—4—7. Four per cent.

(x) Public Works Department.

(xi) A site has been selected and the question whether the people of the place have any objection to

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the location of the Asylum at that place is under investigation.

(xii) The question of providing an Asylum on up-to-date lines for the benefit of the lepers in a suitable area is receiving the earnest attention of Government. Government cannot however undertake to say more at this stage.

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

In Q. 1 (1) I only asked for the date and not for the correspondence.

PRESIDENT.

The date can be disclosed only by a reference to the correspondence.

Medical Inspection of Schools.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

2. Will the Government be pleased to state:

the details of the scheme now in vogue for the medical inspection of the children of the schools in the State;

how many men are engaged in working the scheme;

where they are working;

the nature of the work turned out by them;

and the cost of the scheme per year?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE (*Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer*).

The details of the scheme for the medical inspection of the schools are given in D. P. R. O. C. No. 5779/97, dated the 30th of October 1923, published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated the 3rd of November 1923.

Two special assistant surgeons and 8 local assistant surgeons are engaged in working the scheme.

The statement on the table shows the distribution of schools among the medical officers. (*Vide Appendix 3*)

Inspection of school children and inspection of the building with regard to light, ventilation and other sanitary conditions. Play ground, water supply, &c., and special diseases noted also receive attention.

The cost of the scheme from the 1st of Makaram 1099 to the 1st of Meenam 1100 was Rs. 4,319—5—0.

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